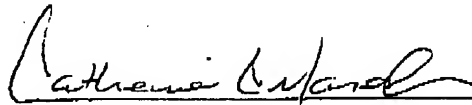


REMARKS

In response to the Election/Restriction requirements in the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicant elects group 1, drawn to a stent, and elects species 1. Elected claims 1-10 read on elected species 1.

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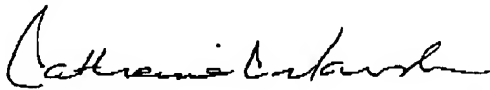


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